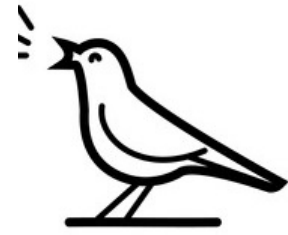




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Pastor Bob's Blog

The Divine Rule of Faith
My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers

In the sermon on the mount, Christ's exhortation was to be generous in our behavior to all men. In the spiritual life be aware of walking according to natural affinities. Everyone has natural affinities; some people we like and others we do not like. We must never let those likes and dislikes rule in our Christian life. "If we walk in the light as God is in the light," God will give us communion with people for whom we have no natural affinity.

The example our Lord gives us is not that of a good man, or even a good Christian, but of God himself. "Be therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect," show to other men what God has shown to you; and God will give us ample opportunities in actual life to prove whether we are perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect. To be a disciple means that we deliberately identify ourselves with God's interest in others. "That you love one another; as I have loved you..."

The expression of Christian character is not good doing, but in God likeness. If the spirit of God has transformed you from within, you will exhibit divine characteristics in your life, not good human characteristics. God's life in us expresses itself as God's life, not as human life trying to be godly. The secret of a Christian is that the supernatural is made natural in him by the grace of God, and the experience of this works out in the practical details of life, not in times of communion with God. When we come into contact with things that create a buzz, we find to our amazement that we have power to keep wonderfully poised in the center of it all.

Thank you, Pastor Grant



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Nature Nugget -- Earthquakes

Wanangwa Hartwell

An earthquake is what happens when two blocks of the earth suddenly slip past one another. The surface where they slip is called the fault or fault plane. We often think of famous faults like the San Andreas Fault in California, which caused the disastrous 1906 San Francisco earthquake, but there are faults all over the world. Some of the faults here in the Southeastern U.S. are the Brevard Fault Zone here in NC, the Middleton Place Summerville Seismic Zone (near Charleston, SC), and the one in the Sequatchie Valley in TN, where I'm from.

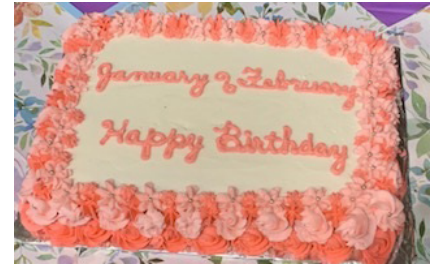
The Anatolian transform fault system is one of the most active in the world and it is the East Anatolian fault zone that has caused very destructive earthquakes in Turkey recently. Earthquakes are recorded by instruments called seismographs and the recording they make is called a seismogram. Scientists use the seismogram recordings made on the seismographs at the surface of the earth to determine how large the earthquake was. The size of the earthquake is called its magnitude. The magnitude of earthquakes is measured on a 10 point scale, where 10 would be the biggest and most violent.

There have been several earthquakes in NC and some have reached a magnitude of 5 or even 7, but most earthquakes here are 2.5 or less. On the other hand, the earthquake in Turkey was a 7.8, with a 7.5 aftershock. An aftershock is an earthquake that occurs following, and near the epicenter of, the main large-magnitude earthquake. Unfortunately, a single earthquake can be followed by repeated aftershocks and while they usually decrease in magnitude, they can still be very destructive. We all need to pray for the people of Turkey and Syria and everyone affected by these earthquakes.

In Matthew 24:7, Jesus says, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places." All the troubles that we see around us are signs that He is coming back soon. Let's all make the best use of our time that we can so we can be ready when He comes. I want to be in Heaven with Him, don't you?



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- Tahini Crunch Bar (fudge)
- Walnut-Maple Cookies

Text or call 704-692-6667 for prices. She uses honey, stevia, dates or maple syrup for sweeteners, carob, and gluten-free flours.



Dan and Nancy have been married for 47 years. (It will be 48 this coming March.) They met one day at a horse farm close to Andrews University where Dan was working on his Master's degree. At that time Nancy was teaching high school English and horseback riding during the summer.

That June afternoon Nancy was sitting on a fence letting her horse graze near her. Dan walked up, introduced himself, and asked about taking riding lessons. (Nancy says he had no money!) This meeting in a barnyard turned out to be a total set up between Dan's boss and Nancy's parents. Nancy had no clue about these behind the scenes shenanigans!

Dan was working part time in the Parole and Probation Dept. at Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph, MI. His boss and Nancy's parents were good friends through their Methodist church. Nancy was brought up as a Methodist.

Dan was brought up in an Adventist family with his parents working at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver, CO, where Dan was born and went to school. Later his parents moved to Portland, OR, where his parents worked at Portland Adventist Hospital. Dan graduated from Portland Adventist Academy and later graduated from Pacific Union College.

After getting to know each other, Dan and Nancy ended up dating. Six months later she and Dan started taking Bible studies together with Dr. Virgil Bartlett and his wife. (Dr. Bartlett was the Director of Student Teaching at Andrews University at that time.) He and his wife were wonderful Christian role models and introduced Nancy to Adventist doctrines. Nancy became convicted of the Sabbath truth and decided to be baptized in January of 1975.

In March during spring break Dan and Nancy were married at Hartford Adventist Church in Hartford, MI, with Dr. Bartlett as their minister. After Dan graduated from Andrews University, they moved across the country to teach school at Fresno Academy in Fresno, CA. They lived there for three years and then moved to San Diego for new job opportunities for both of them. (Nancy teaching at San Diego Academy and Dan working at the nearby Adventist hospital.)

After Dan was offered a job as a Human Resource Director in Denver, CO., they left San Diego after one year and headed off to Denver. They lived in Denver for six years where Nancy taught at Mile High Adventist Academy and Dan worked in H. R.

New opportunities for Dan's career led them eventually to locating to Kansas City, KS, and then on to Takoma Park, MD, and later to Corbin, KY. After living in Kentucky for almost ten years with Dan working as H. R. Director for a local hospital and later as H. R. director for a data processing company, Dan accepted a new role as H. R. director for Andrews University in the summer of 2001.

Nancy left her job teaching at a local high school to move back to MI where she took over helping her mother with her healthcare needs. Her family was very happy to have them home again!

While Dan worked at the university, Nancy started working part time for Lake Michigan Community College in Benton Harbor, MI, teaching English. She went on to teaching in the Dept. of Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum at Andrews University where she loved teaching education courses to college students seeking degrees in elementary and secondary education. Nancy says that these students were the best and made teaching a true joy! (Not committee meetings, however!)

Although the Agnettas do not have any children of their own, they hosted international students in their home for several years. These young people were students at the university or at Andrews Academy. They came from countries such as Korea, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Germany.

Having them in their home kept them incredibly busy, Dan with chauffeuring and Nancy with cooking lots of food and both of them as they hosted vespers potlucks on Friday evenings for the Chinese students at the university and the students attending the academy and their guardians. Nancy literally wore out her wok but enjoyed learning about new foods and new dishes! It was fun! But never again!

Being their American mom and dad was not easy but they are still in contact with several of these young people who have gone on to graduating with prestigious degrees and some getting married.

The Agnettas decided to retire to this area of North Carolina to get away from the snow and cold weather of southwestern Michigan. Experiencing the Polar Vortex and lake effect snow storms while living on their small farm in Eau Claire, MI, and taking care of two horses was difficult.

Dan often was up at 5:00 a. m. plowing trails out to their horse barn to feed their horses, with their barn pump freezing at times too. And plowing a long driveway so they both could get to work! Challenging times with snow and ice and temps below zero!

With Dan and Nancy's interest and love of horses, moving to North Carolina was easy especially with this area being true "horse country." They love going to Tryon International Equestrian Center to watch the jumping classes. Nancy says she loves to drive by all the horse farms and finding people at church and in their Rutherfordton community who have horse interests is a delight!

Dan has had several church positions in the past. He has served as elder, deacon, and while in CO, chair of the church school board for their small church school. He is currently chair of Andrews Academy personnel committee, a sub committee of the school board. Nancy has been a deaconess and assistant to the pastor's wife who was in charge of setting up the church potlucks and communion services.

Nancy's primary interests are horses and gardening. Dan loves horses too as well as downhill skiing, golfing, and bicycling. They both enjoy walking their dogs around their property and on the local rail trail.

Their pets include two senior horses Claire and Winnie (the Pooh), two energetic border collies named Nikki and Abby. And one cat, a tiger striped kitty named Tinkerbelle.

Getting to Know You, continued

Daniel and Nancy Agnetta

The Agnettas' favorite vacation was a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, in the 90's. They were able to visit the Hermitage and St. Catherine's Palace and other unique locations. Best of all was being able to bring money into the country to buy the St. Petersburg Adventist Church a baby grand piano!

Months before their trip, Dan had started a fund with the help of friends and church members from their small Adventist church in Manchester, KY. Enough money was acquired that the church got a beautiful white baby grand and the young lady who was the Minister of Music got a Whirlpool refrigerator too. She did not have one!

A typical day for Dan is getting up by 6:00, having his personal devotions, and feeding their dogs and cat. Nancy is up by 8:00 and starts helping Dan feed the horses and walking their dogs. One of their goals is to finish building their home on their property. They would like to take more vacations too. Nancy would also like to read all the books at the Norris Public Library in Rutherfordton!

Nancy's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Dan's favorite verses are Jeremiah 29:11 - 13 and Isaiah 40:31.

Dan and Nancy love North Carolina, their neighbors, and their new church community. People here at Tryon S. D. A. Church have been very welcoming and caring. Nancy says it's been a blessing to find a church family with such a delightful mix of young families and retirees! Conversations at potlucks are always interesting and fun! And always a blessing and a delight to get to know fellow church members.

We welcome the Agnettas to our church family, look forward to getting to know them even better, and look forward to having them with us for a long time!



Easy Jello Whip

Melissa Zjaci

- One 6 oz box jello, your preferred flavor (or two 3 oz boxes)
- One 8 oz container Cool Whip

Make jello mix, put in a mixing bowl in the fridge to cool. When about 70% set* take the Jello out and add Cool Whip. Stir well, making sure to blend in all the clumps. Pour Jello Whip into a 9 x 13 pan (or glass casserole dish) and put in fridge until firm.

*Note: Make sure not to allow the Jello to fully set in the fridge until after you add in the cool Whip. You may need to set an alarm so that the jello isn't forgotten.

Are We All Ready?

Rosanne Richards

We see that times are changing,
Troublesome things complicate life.
Jobs uncertain, health issues ranging,
Countries abroad are embroiled in strife.
A pandemic adds to our sorrow.
Sometimes things are in short supply.
Prices increase today and tomorrow:
Natural and man-made disasters come nigh.

Signs are in the heavens, and on earth as well.
Family, friends and others needn't be surprised.
All of this will point us to what we should tell...
Heart preparation is urgently advised!
Peace and safety are hard to find.
Jesus is coming soon, but first there's a task...
Not warning the world, isn't kind.
We can't always wait for them to ask.





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Wanangwa Hartwell

Happy March, everyone! In honor of St. Patrick, who was actually a Sabbath-keeper (yes, you heard that right!) we decided to focus this month on the Sabbath. There are free books along that theme on the table outside the library door, which you are welcome to take for your own collection or to share with others, and many of the items on display in the church library have to do with the Sabbath. Take time this month to really appreciate the gift of the Sabbath.

And He (Jesus) said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath. ~ Mark 2:27-28

Healthy Highlights

Bev Cook

We've all struggled with it. Just when we think we've had victory, it creeps back into our lives. Maybe we've given up fighting. Maybe we are suffering a great deal from it. And what is this pervasive poison that we seem to love so much? Five little letters but with big repercussions: sugar!

How does one get off of the stuff? First of all, one must have a sincere desire – just like getting off alcohol, nicotine, etc. The desire comes first and education helps too. The food processors know people are leery of using it thus the many camouflaged terms: corn syrup, evaporated cane juice, high fructose corn syrup, invert sugar, sorbitol, etc.

Take it from one of experience, it affects the total person: physically, mentally and yes, there's even a potential spiritual impact. Here's a few hints how to get started deleting sugar out of the everyday diet:

- * Pray
- * Make no provision for failure (sugar to get out of the house)
- * Exercise self-discipline, a fruit of the Spirit
- * Make healthy substitutes, but still use them as a treat not a regular meal item. (See in the Classified Ads if you don't want to make them)

We'll "talk" more about sugar in the future. In the meantime, let's pray for one another that we may be healed.



School Presentation at Church

February 25, 2023

Presenters Dr. Lori Busch, Principal; Ronnie Hartwell; Treasurer; and Deb Grant, School Board Chairman

On behalf of the Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church School we want to begin by thanking God and you for the many ways in which our school has been blessed just within the 2022/23 year.

We have beautiful landscaping and a new front door that operates properly and has a window that is 300 times safer than tradition glass to keep our children safe.

We have a fourth teacher (a local hire) to teach PreK/K, a space that is adorably suited for young minds to learn and experience new things, complete with an added restroom.

The teachers are dedicated to not just educating the mind, but also the growth of character and development of a heart for others and the joys found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our students enjoy experiencing hands-on learning and our parents and families are supportive of them and the school.

We have an active Home and School that provides awesome activities and a forum to strengthen communication between parents, teachers and students.

We receive tremendous support from the church members, friends, supporters and the Thrift Store, both monetary or with “boots on the ground.”

With all the blessings we have shared, there is a specific need we have at this time. We need your financial help to cover operating expenses for March, April and May. Our budget accounted for a few more students and the additional expenditures has drained our savings.

In my (Deb’s) 42 years here at Tryon I cannot tell you when, if ever, the school board came before the church asking for monies specific for operating expenses; special needs, specific projects -- sure, but not operating expenses.

We need \$10,000 for the month of March, \$10,000 for the month of April and \$10,000 for the month of May -- a total of \$30,000.

You can help by giving any size donation each of the three months or a one-time donation. Mark your tithe envelope (paper or online giving) “SCHOOL.” We also have a Venmo (electronic banking) account you can use. You can also give a check to our treasurer, Ronnie Hartwell, (316) 680-8773.

Please note: we do not see this need as an ongoing issue. There are already additional students/families interested in enrolling for August. NOTE TO THE PARENTS: we will not put the shortfall on your monthly tuition. Tuition beginning in August 2023 will only be raised \$15 for each student.

Another need we have is giving of “sweat equity.” The person cleaning the school is no longer able to provide that service. That is a change that helps our monthly expenditures, however, cleaning still needs to take place. It would be of great help if we could have volunteers clean the school for March, April and May.

It does not have to be one person on a weekly basis; it could be a church ministry group, a Sabbath School Class, a group of friends, a few parents or a family doing mission work right here on our school campus. Imagine that, helping a school ministry without needing a passport or plane ticket!

Please call Deb (828) 817-7015 or Lori (828) 817-1823 for more information on cleaning the school. We need you.

Thank you and God bless! Deb Grant, School Board Chairman

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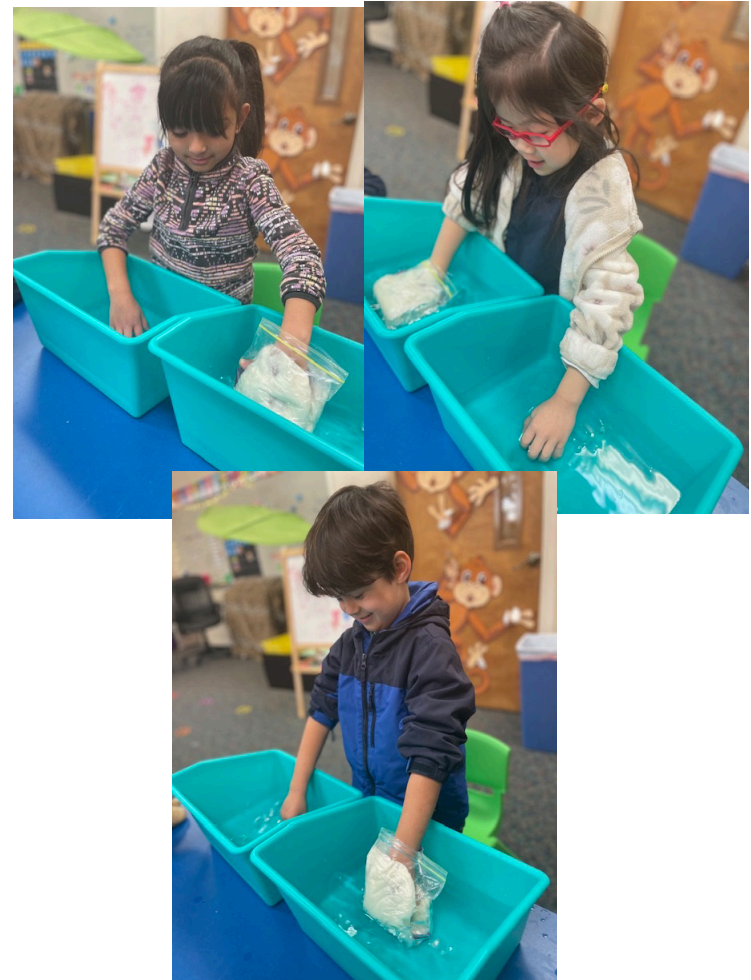
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Call/text Ronnie Hartwell, School Treasurer for additional donation information at (316) 680-8773

I can donate “Sweat Equity” to help clean the school – Individually _____ or with _____

Call/text Deb Grant (828) 817-7015 or Dr. Lori Busch (828) 817-1823 for more cleaning details.

Thank you from the Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church School Board: Pastor Bob Grant, Dr. Lori Busch, Principal, Deb Grant, Chairman, Ronnie Hartwell, Treasurer, Marty Logue, Meghan Eckmann-Reynolds, Dick Bayley, Tim Grindley



There Had to be Another Name

by Dick Bayley)

Don't know how you feel about "deviled eggs," but since I've been an Adventist I have recoiled just a bit at the phrase. Of course, everyone knows what to call them at the fellowship dinners. They are always popular. Just ask Art Smith, Florida restaurateur who has had them on his menu "longer than he can remember," according to writer Holly Kapherr. She also reports that a web search for recipes for deviled eggs turned up 24 million responses.

Then, Ms. Kapherr points out some common alternate names for these "things," shall I say. Finding another name was necessary in many places she says, because of puritanical attitudes going back to colonial America. Serving a dish with a Satanic association was definitely unacceptable at potlucks and church socials. So what did they come up with? Some of the more frequently used names are "mimosa eggs" (my favorite), "stuffed eggs," "dressed eggs" and "salad eggs." Call them what you will, these "dressed eggs" have continued to be a staple, some say, of southern cuisine in particular and very handy for entertaining, made easier by the introduction of the Tupperware "Deviled Egg Taker" years ago.

Many of the accounts of the origins of "dressed eggs" begin with ancient Rome where eggs were a staple, eaten with any meal. The ultra rich took delight in impressing their friends with lavish dinners, which included exotic dishes that would horrify conservationists today. Just imagine a plate of flamingo tongues! Well, the first course in any well appointed Roman household was called the "gustum", comprised of cheeses, mushrooms, fruit, and...eggs. Boiled eggs they say signaled that exquisite food was coming. Accompanying the eggs there was a condiment that the Romans (somehow) enjoyed, called "garum," which was a fermented sauce made

either from fish or barley. Hard to imagine! The Romans even had a common saying, "ab ova usque ad mala," which has been translated as "from eggs to apples."

That was the beginning. Fast forward to the 13th century, when the egg yolks were beaten up with spices and a strong sauce, put back into the two halves, then skewered to hold them together. Through the centuries the cooks in several countries seemed to enjoy experimenting with all the savory spices they could get their hands on, creating countless variations on the filling. There seemed to be a sort of evolution, heading toward highly spiced and hot eggs. In this environment, the term "deviled" was used generally to refer to hot, spicy food, so naturally eggs with a spicy filling became "deviled eggs." And this term, according to AncestralFindings.com, appeared in print the first time in 1786. The first published recipe in the U.S. according to Wikipedia was in a Montgomery, Alabama newspaper in 1877.

Thus, deviled eggs found their way into the mainstream of American food, though not usually the extremely hot variety, even entering cookbooks. And what about mayo, which was very handy for holding the ingredients together? Supposedly the first cookbook to call for mayo in deviled eggs came out in 1896, and by the 1940's recipes for deviled eggs were everywhere. What the Florida restaurateur called "church lady deviled eggs" continue to be a popular item—and one I always look for at "fellowship dinners."

Sources: North Carolina Egg Association, ncegg.org; "Are deviled eggs the world's most polarizing snack...", Holly Kapherr; "The Delicious History of Deviled Eggs", AncestralFindings.com; "Roman Food and Cooking", UNRV.com; "Rich Romans' Dinner", Google; "Deviled Egg Recipe", Wikipedia.



Only Under the Seventh Trumpet is the System of Truth Complete

Mark Balvin

The Seventh Trumpet

The seventh trump began to sound in eighteen forty-four
The midnight cry, the final woe,
And time should be no more.
To finish what He started here, six thousand years before,
And when He's finished at the ark,
Confessed the ones who'll wear,
They don the only robe worth wearing
In pastures over there.

The Toppling of Earthly Monarchies

Not Egypt-like the plagues just yet
Or judgement when He comes;
Angry are the nations now; genocide, and drums.
Like the time in French decline, which changed milleniums.
Let's not forget the Brexit, and time for Turk to exit.

The Atonement

"Atone" He did and made a way
For all to have the chance to gain
The crown, and have the life He gave.
Not just the crossly sacrifice,
But, too, the priestly work suffice.
At last, for sins, His blood atone and benefit by faith alone.

The Most Holy Place

Moving on from cross to crown two stops along the way:
The holy place for mercy there, forgiven full and free,
But His work for sins on earth, almost
Two thousand years--not three:
Now we're at the end of time; His coming not delayed.
Indeed, your trial proceeds, and mine
And soon we'll be displayed.

The Ark of the Covenant

"What of that ark?" you ask; you see:
10 words--enough for man--and me.
No change in them since earth was done,
by you, or me, or anyone.
No shadow is this list so brief.
Not as supposed by some, for grief:
But by the Sabbath rest in love, the seventh day we're blessed
To trust, and hope for all to know our Substitute and Guest.

Remission of Sins

No other way, for our transgressions:
Without the blood, there's no remission.
First by faith, repent do we, and by faith forever we,
Then no longer time permitted, but forever sins remitted.

The Blotting Out of Sins

Our names remain; erased are they the sins forever blotted;
Then and only then remembered not eternal depths allotted.
Afflict your souls ye saints of God, as in the days of old.
Put on the robes of righteousness and characters of gold.

The Cleansing of the Sanctuary

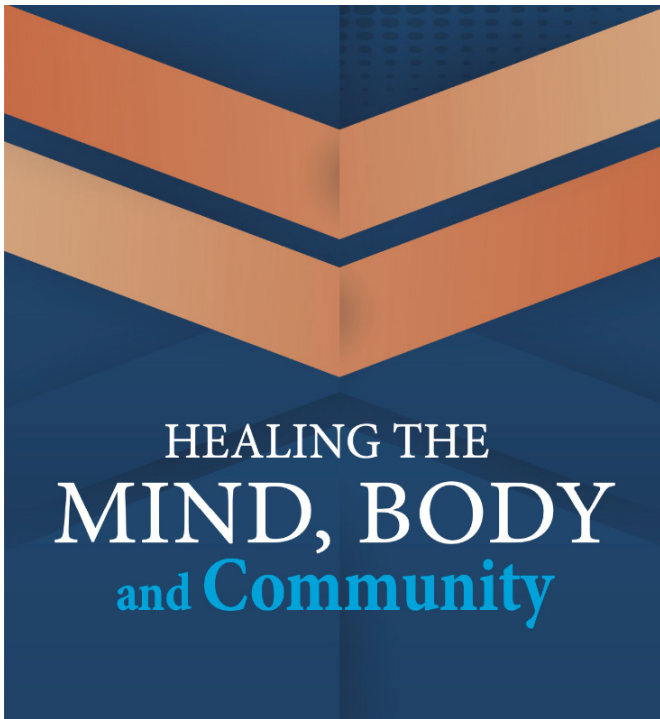
"I will come again," He said, "and raise the righteous dead."
Their names confessed, their records cleared.
No more to cause distress--the Father makes the call:
Their lives reveal rebellion gone; good evidence to all.
Not so good for those who fail the final test, you see:
Profess, they did, but not endure, no doubt surprised they be,
When they awake, to find too late, the verdict--no appeal:
Their hearts the same, no time could change
Their destiny did seal.

The Mystery of God Finished

When this mystery's finished
And the gospel's run its length,
The saints have made their peace with God;
Secured a place of strength,
Then the earth will reap its due
The scapegoat with his angels, too.
All the grief their sins have caused
Is placed on him without a pause.

The Investigative Judgement

"What times are these," the question mounts,
"To settle once for all accounts?"
"Is it not the trumpet last, when sheep and goats are set
Before the Lord in glory, and then the prize we get?"
Oh no! The die was cast before the final trump,
No time now to look and check for leaven in the lump.
For when the Son of Man returns, without sin to save,
His flock is washed and white and sealed
His priestly life He gave.



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Main Speaker
David DeRose

David DeRose, MD, MPH is a board-certified specialist in Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine, a syndicated radio host, popular lecturer and published medical researcher with over 25 years of experience providing patient care.



Seminar Presenter
Royce Snyman

Royce Snyman is the retired Ministerial Department Director and Coordinator of Evangelism for the Michigan Conference. He also pastored in Pontiac, Plymouth and Belleville, and Kalamazoo, prior to becoming the Personal Ministries Director in 1993.



Musical Guest
Jennifer LaMountain